

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to recognize Joseph Florest of Niles on
4 his retirement after more than 36 years of service for the
5 Village of Niles Fire Department; and

6 WHEREAS, Lt. Florest was born on November 11, 1941; his
7 original appointment to the fire department was July 30, 1966
8 and he was appointed Fire Lieutenant in December of 1985; in
9 addition, he served as a Company Commander and was also the
10 department's Air Officer, whose responsibility was the
11 maintenance of self-contained breathing equipment and the air
12 compressor to insure pure breathing air for the safety of
13 firefighter/paramedic personnel; he had held this assignment
14 for more than 20 years; and

15 WHEREAS, During his career, he received three
16 commendations for outstanding duty and one Company Unit
17 Citation for actions taken at the Albion Avenue fire; while
18 serving on the ambulance he was injured four times assisting
19 patients; he was also injured ten times in his career during
20 firefighting operations; and

21 WHEREAS, Lt. Florest has been an asset to the department
22 from the day his fire service career started; he is an
23 exceptional firefighter and is always ready to go the extra
24 mile when things became rough, exhibiting courage and skill
25 to get the job done; therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
27 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
28 we congratulate Lieutenant Joseph Florest on his retirement
29 after many years of dedicated service to his career and to
30 the citizens of the Village of Niles; we wish him good health
31 and happiness in all of his future endeavors; and be it
32 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to Lieutenant Joseph Florest as an expression of
3 our respect and esteem.